

## CAPSULE SUMMARY CT - 1138

Whitehall or Eisenman Barn 'D' is located on a farm in Dunkirk. The farm dates to the mid-19th century, and includes three other tobacco barns, and a polling house (moved). The barn is made up of a 32 x 40 foot aisle plan section and a 16 x 40 southern shed. The original section is constructed of both hewn and circular sawn materials, using both fully mature, machine-cut nails, and wire nails. The shed is of more recent construction. Important changes to the barn includes the reduction in the size of the east and west aisle doors, the addition of a double door the bay north of the east doorway, and a poured concrete floor in the area south of the main aisle. The barn is no longer used for curing tobacco.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. CT -1138

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DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Whitehall Barn 'B'

and/or common Eisenman Barn 'B'

## 2. Location

Off Maryland Route 4 on Yellow Bank Road

☒ not for publication

city, town Dunkirk

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vicinity of

congressional district

state Maryland

county Calvert

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mary and Richard Eisenman

street &amp; number Maryland Route 4

telephone no.:

city, town Dunkirk

state and zip code MD 20754

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse

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street &amp; number Main Street (MD 765)

folio

city, town Prince Frederick

state MD

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date

☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town

state

## 7. Description

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**Condition**

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

**Check one**

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

**Check one**

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Whitehall Barn 'B' is located on the west side of Maryland Route 4 near Dunkirk. The barn is associated with a surrounding farm owned by the Eisenman family. Dunkirk Regional Park lies directly to the south. The farm dates to the mid-19th century, or earlier, and includes three other tobacco barns, two rental houses, and a polling house which was moved to the property.

This barn is located west and slightly north of the house (see attached sketch), Whitehall. The barn is made up of a 32 x 40 foot original aisle plan section, and a 16 x 40 southern aisle shed. The bay system is consistently in eight foot sections. The original section of the barn is constructed of both hewn and circular sawn materials, using both fully mature, machine-cut nails, and wire nails. The roof is standing seam metal sheets and is supported by windbraces and three collars. The tobacco hanging system consists of four tier pole levels to the tie beam separated by a 33-51" vertical distance. Interior, hewn plates demarcate the center aisle; three by six inch circular sawn posts are toe-nailed to these plates at eight foot intervals.

The 16 x 40 south shed is of more recent construction. Using a similar bay system, the sill is raised two feet above the ground on a poured concrete wall. The aisle configuration of this shed suggests it was constructed for equipment/vehicle storage, although it was also used for curing tobacco.

Important changes to the structure includes the reduction in size of both the east and west aisle doors, and the addition of the nine-foot wide door to the north of the east doorway. A poured concrete floor was added to the area south of the barn's aisle, raising this floor eight inches above the rest. (This area was apparently intended for use as a garage/shop-Mr. Eisenman restores automobiles.) A small door is found along the barn's north wall which is supported on only one post, it closes against the siding. There is no evidence for a similar door along the barn's south wall.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Whitehall Barn 'B' is an interesting example of an early 20th century tobacco barn in Calvert County. Its combination of hand-finished and circular sawn materials is rather curious, as is the use of both machine-cut and wire nails. The metal roof (which appears original), and plan suggest that date of construction, however. Directed historical research would probably place any changes or modifications to the structure into a particular context.

Historic Period Theme(s): agriculture, tobacco

Geographic Organization: Western Shore, Chesapeake Bay, Calvert County

Chronological/Developmental Period: 1900-present

Resource Type(s): Tobacco Barn

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name Lower Marlboro, MDQuadrangle scale 1:24000UTM References do NOT complete UTM referencesA 

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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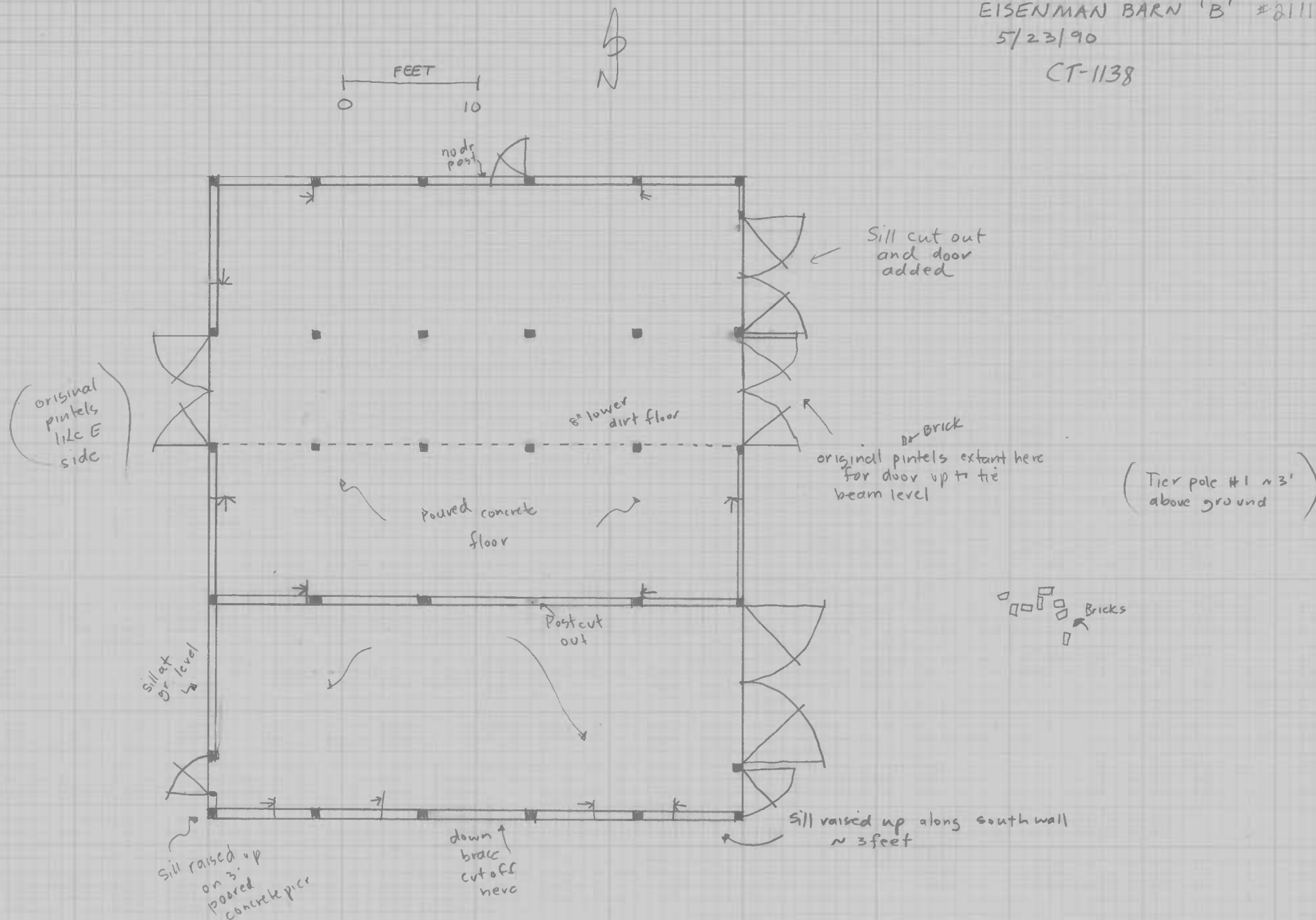
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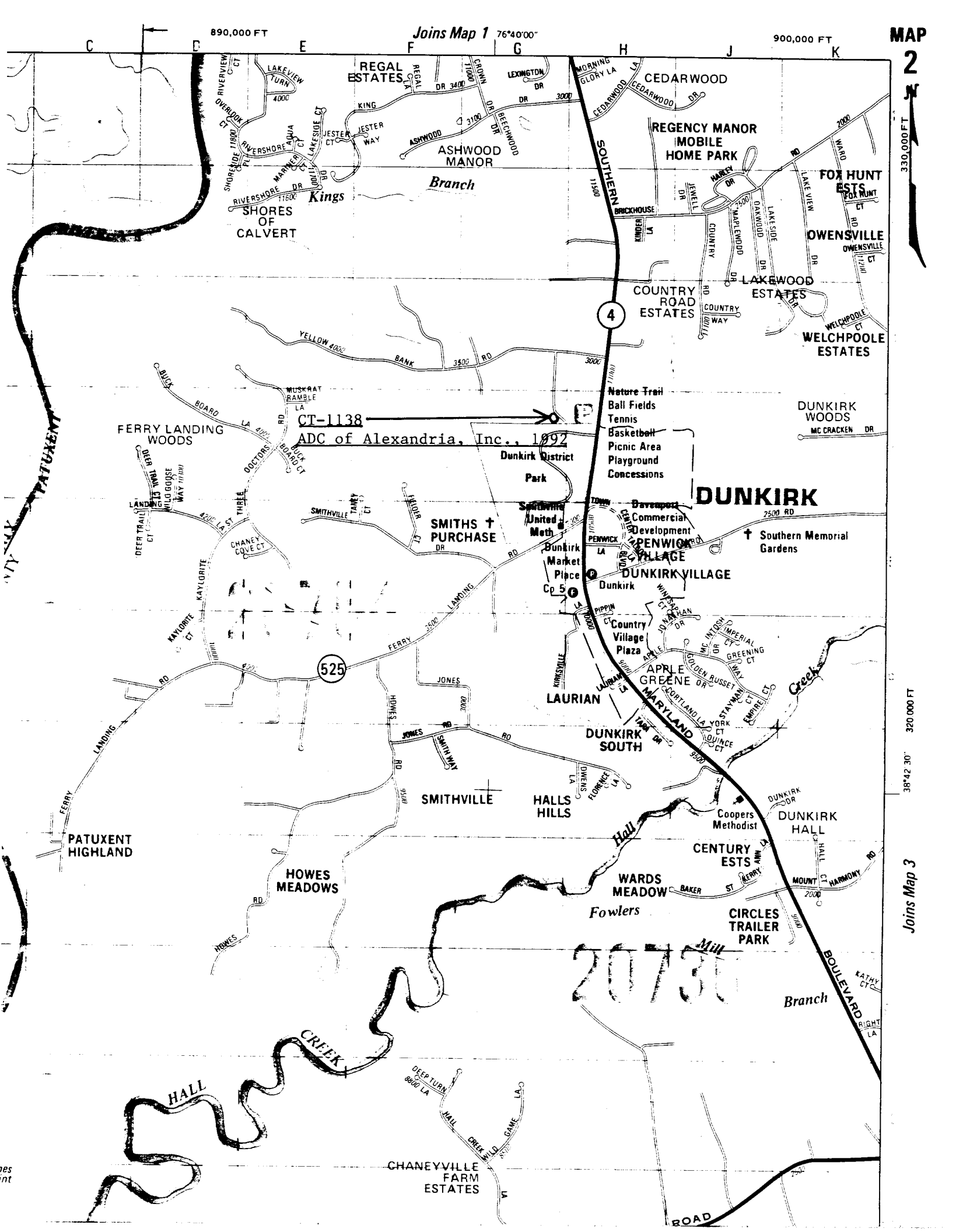
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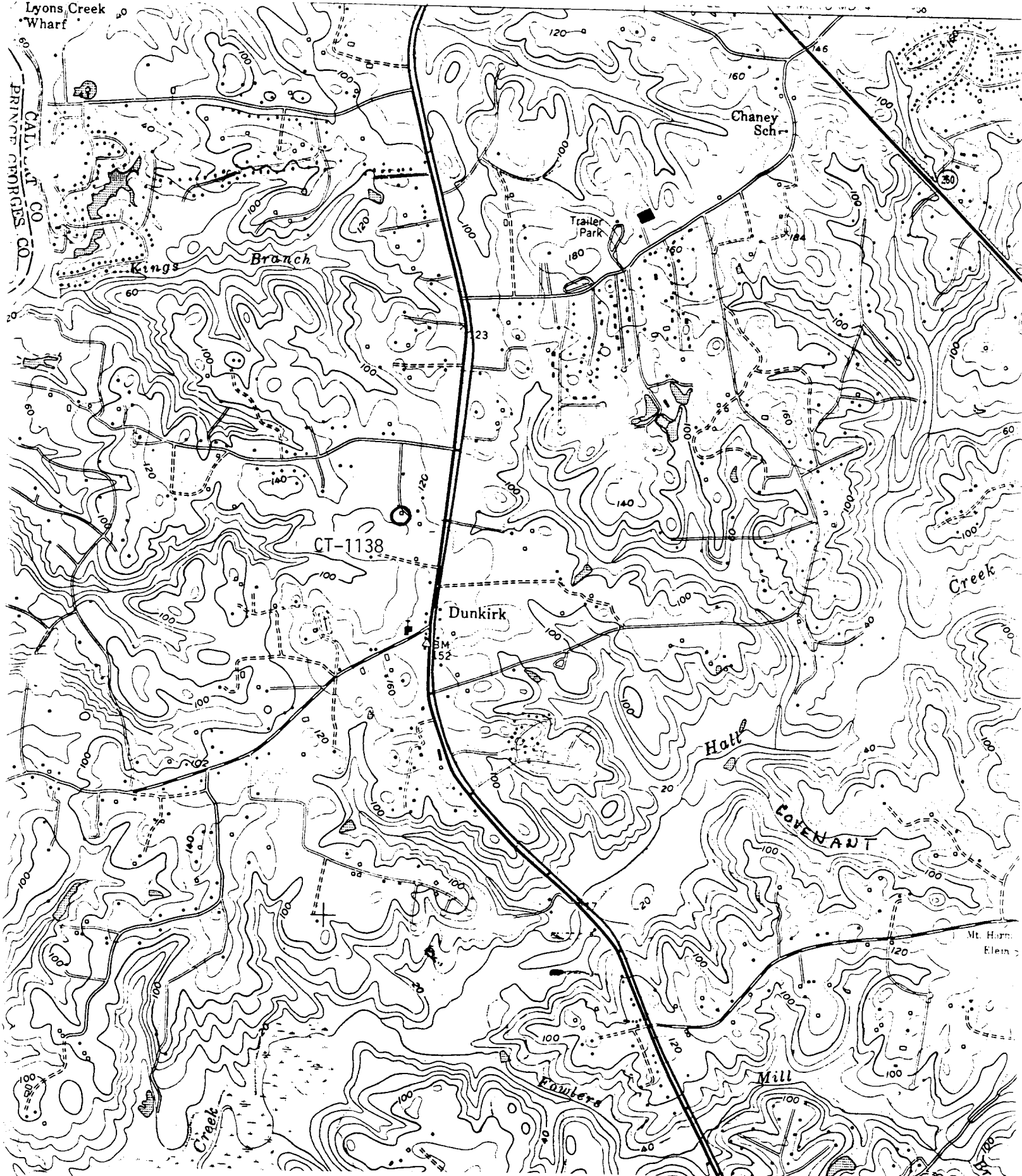
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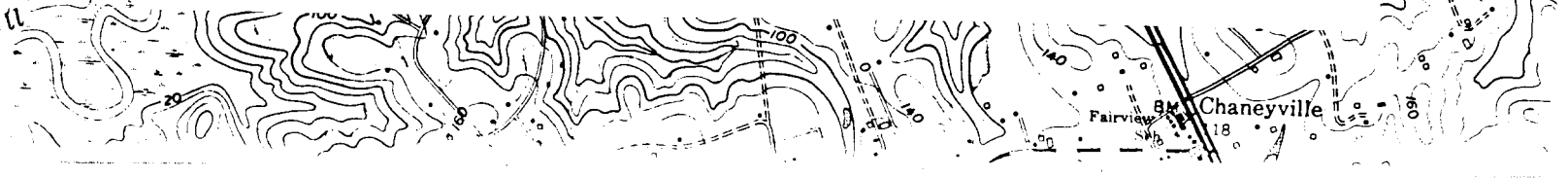
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